



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 9, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF AN EMERGENCY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of an Emergency Mobile Communications Unit with trailer and tow vehicle. The vehicle, and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$400,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This acquisition will increase the District's current fleet of vehicles, providing a mobile communications unit for use during large-scale emergency incidents. The addition of this unit will also increase the District's interoperability capabilities by providing a wide array of communications equipment.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS	BRADBURY	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	LA PUENTE	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LAKEWOOD	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LANCASTER	PALMDALE	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	TEMPLE CITY
BELL	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LAWNDALE	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	ROSEMEAD	WALNUT
BELL GARDENS	COMMERCE	GLEN DORA	IRVINDALE	LOMITA	PARAMOUNT	SAN DIMAS	WEST HOLLYWOOD
BELLFLOWER	COVINA	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SANTA CLARITA	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
			LA HABRA				WHITTIER

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal #8 for *Public Safety*, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County through the comprehensive integration of public safety information systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated cost of the Emergency Mobile Communications Unit is approximately \$400,000. The District's 2005-06 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase as approved and funded through the Fiscal Year 2003 Urban Area Security Initiative Los Angeles Part I Grant.

Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will expand the District's interoperability communication capabilities.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department